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In re Patent Application of:
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For: METHOD TO REMOVE AN OXIDE SEAM
ALONG GATE STACK EDGE, WHEN NITRIDE
SPACER FORMATION BEGINS WITH AN
OXIDE LINER SURROUNDING GATE STACK

Examiner: L.M. Schillinger

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

MS Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

In response to the restriction requirement set forth in the Office Action mailed November 8, 2004 (Paper No. 111004), applicant elects the claims of Group II for continued examination, without traverse. In response to the further election requirement, applicant provisionally elects Species 1.

The restriction requirement includes a description of Group I, drawn to a method. Applicant notes that all claims of Group I, claims 1-8, 19-35, and 48-56, were canceled by the Preliminary Amendment dated July 25, 2003.

The Office Action divides Group II into four Species 1-4. Species 1-4 have been defined, however, in terms of claims. Claims are definitions of inventions. Claims are never species. See MPEP § 806.04(e). Applicant notes that Fig. 6 illustrates an exemplary embodiment of the invention. All pending claims are considered by applicant to be readable thereon.

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